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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/992,612	11/13/2001	James D. Ralph	337562000901	1151

TITLE OF INVENTION: POLYAXIAL PEDICLE SCREW HAVING A THREADED AND TAPERED COMPRESSION LOCKING MECHANISM

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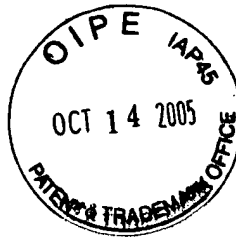
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AND TAPERED COMPRESSION**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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